

NATIONAL ROAD.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

*Relative to the national road, &c.*

FEBRUARY 19, 1844.

Read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

*Memorial and joint resolution on the subject of the Cumberland road.*

The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS :

That the recommencement of operations on the Cumberland road, with a view to its speedy completion, is a matter of much interest to the people of the State of Indiana, whose hopes and expectations have been so long delayed, that they now look with renewed confidence to the General Government for appropriations sufficient for the completion thereof.

The condition of the unfinished portion of this road, at this time, is such as to render it almost impassable. Many of the temporary bridges having been carried off by the late freshets, renders it difficult and unsafe crossing many streams with the United States mail.

The people of the State of Indiana have relinquished the right of taxing the lands in her bounds, sold by the General Government, for the term of five years from and after the sales thereof; in consideration of which, in part, they receive what is commonly called the two per cent. fund, (derived from the sales of those lands,) which is now uselessly expended on this road, should it be abandoned by the General Government.

We ask only a small portion of the great amount of money drained from the west through the land sales, and appropriated in the east; and we ask this small pittance, not as a gratuity to the people of the State, but in view of the great vitality of such a road to the whole country, as well as the States through which it passes, and the pledged faith of the General Government for its completion: therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use every reasonable exertion to procure a liberal appropriation on the Cumberland road, in Indiana, at the present session of Congress.*

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*Be it further resolved*, That his excellency the Governor be requested to cause a copy of this memorial to be transmitted to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

A. L. ROBINSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JESSE D. BRIGHT,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved January 13, 1844 :

JAS. WHITCOMB.

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Approved January 13, 1844 :

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